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1. LAST WORD WE HAVE HAD FROM WASHINGTON WAS BLAND JUNE 26
PRESS GUIDANCE (REFTEL) ON RETURN OF VANCE MISSION.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON EVOLUTION US/ZAIRE RELATIONS
AND GUIDANCE AS TO HOW DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBASSY TO HANDLE
QUESTIONS ABOUT MOBUTU'S ALLEGATIONS ON US INVOLVEMENT IN
ASSASSINATION PLOT. DISGRACEFUL ARTICLES BY PIERRE DAVISTER
AND OMER MARCHAL FROM BELGIAN WEEKLY "SPECIAL" HAVE HAD SOME
CIRCULATION IN CONAKRY AND OF COURSE KEEP INTEREST UP. ASSUME
THIS MUST BE THE CASE IN OTHER AFRICAN CAPZTALS.

3. AFTER 17 YEARS OF UNSWERVING US SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT MOBUTU'S ALLEGATIONS WERE SO DRAMATIC AND UNEXPECTED AS
TO STIMULATE CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION. EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO
EXPRESS US SURPRISE AND BEMUSEMENT AND TO ASSERT IMPORTANCE
WE ATTACH TO CONTINUED COOPERATION AND GOOD RELATIONS WITH
GOZ.(HOWEVER, FOR SAKE OF CREDIBILITY BELIEVE US REPS WILL NEED
TO MAKE MORE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT IN
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